

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Minutes
December 3, 2009

The Credentials Committee met on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Claudette Dalton, MD
Malcolm Cothran, MD
Stuart Mackler, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensing
Leigh Kiczales, APD
Virginia Scher, APD

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Claudette Dalton called the meeting to order.

The instructions for emergency evacuation were read prior to the conference.

INFORMAL CONFERENCES

MUHAMMAD ATALLAH, MD

Muhammad Atallah, MD appeared before the Committee in open meeting to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 54.1-2915(A)(4). Upon conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Dalton entertained motions. Dr. Cothran moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711 A. (28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Atallah. Additionally, he moved that, Dr. Harp, Ola Powers and Virginia Scher, attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.

Dr. Cothran moved to recommend that it grant a full and unrestricted license to Dr. Atallah upon evidence satisfactory to the board that his Florida license has been placed on a full and unrestricted status and that he has had no problems in his practice of medicine, including, but

not limited to, hospital actions, board actions or malpractice suits. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

HEIDAR SADEGHI-RAZLIGHI, MD

Heidar Sadeghi-Razlighi, MD appeared before the Committee in open meeting to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Section 54.1-2915(A)(4). Upon conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Dalton entertained motions. Dr. Mackler moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711A.(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Sadeghi-Razlighi. Additionally, he moved that, Dr. Harp, Ola Powers and Leigh Kiczales, attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.

Dr. Mackler moved to recommend that it deny a license to Dr. Sadeghi-Razlighi based on findings of fact that Dr. Sadeghi-Razlighi failed to convince the Committee that his knowledge base and clinical understanding were sufficient to practice medicine in a safe and competent manner in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

MINH KHAI TRAN, DO

Minh Khai Tran, DO appeared before the Committee in open meeting to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 54.1.-2915 A. (4). Upon conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Dalton entertained motions. Dr. Mackler moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-37711A.(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Tran. Additionally, he moved that, Ola Powers and Virginia Scher, attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.

Dr. Mackler moved to recommend that it grant a full and unrestricted license to Dr. Tran subject to the condition that Dr. Tran practice under the supervision of a Board-approved practitioner for a period of six months from the issuance of license, and that his practice supervisor submit reports to the Board on Dr. Tran's practice every two months. Upon receipt of the final report from the supervising physician, the Executive Director may remove the condition on Dr. Tran's license or refer the matter to the Credentials Committee for further determination. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Claudette Dalton, MD, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Ola Powers,
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing